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INJECTABLE INTO LIVING ORGANISMS



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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 81-111:

-- 81. Gas microbubbles comprising an amphipatic surfactant and a physiologically acceptable gas comprising an organic compound containing one or more carbon atoms and fluorine wherein the gas is entrapped by the surfactant.

82. The gas microbubbles as claimed in claim 81, wherein said surfactant is film forming.

83. The gas microbubbles as claimed in claim 81, wherein said surfactant is capable of forming stable films in the presence of water and gas.

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